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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Y. SHIBATA, et al
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING DEFECTS
Group: 2877
Examiner: G. Stock, Jr.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 13, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicant(s) hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing of a response within the first month subsequent to the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed March 26, 2004. A payment in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (520.40997X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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